



**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF TEXAS**

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Mr. Don Doak
Chief Deputy/Director of Jail Administration
Johnson County Sheriff's Office
1800 Ridgmar
Cleburne, Texas 76031

OR90-577

Dear Mr. Doak:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 10985; your most recent correspondence has been assigned ID# 11131.

You state that the Johnson County Sheriff Office has received requests for photographs of deceased victims of crime and of "inmates and/or other information on these inmates while the case is still pending." This office assumes that you have received written requests for the information in question, see V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a, § 7(a), and that the requested information actually exists in tangible form. See Attorney General Opinion JM-48 (1983) (governmental bodies not required to comply with a standing request for information to be collected or prepared in the future).

You have raised none of the act's exceptions to required public disclosure with regard to the requested information. A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 325 (1982), a copy of which is enclosed, resolves your request. The requested information is presumed to be public; for this reason, the information must be released.

Because a prior published open records decision resolves your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. We have enclosed a copy of the Attorney General's Handbook on the Texas Open Records Act to assist

you with future requests for information. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-577.

Yours very truly,



Susan Garrison
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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Enclosures: Open Records Decision No. 325
Open Records Handbook

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